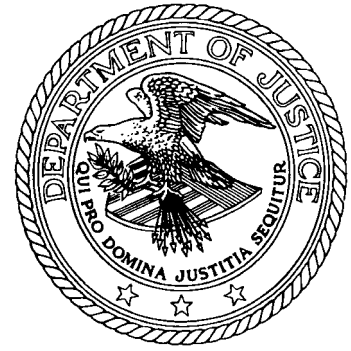


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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - January 13, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that United States District Court Judge Dana M. Sabraw today sentenced Jesus Partino-Oscoy in federal district court in San Diego to serve 37 months in custody based on his conviction for alien smuggling. On October 14, 2005, Partino-Oscoy pled guilty to the alien smuggling charge, and acknowledged in his plea agreement that an individual died during the offense.

According to court documents, on April 11, 2005, Partino-Oscoy drove a 2000 Honda Passport containing seven Mexican illegal aliens on Interstate-8, east of Calexico. Partino-Oscoy himself is also an undocumented Mexican national. Partino-Oscoy eventually exited the highway and took a series of turns onto small roads after he noticed Border Patrol officials were following him at normal speeds. Thereafter, on a dirt road, Partino-Oscoy lost control of the Honda Passport, which flipped over several times causing one of the aliens to be ejected onto a concrete ditch near agricultural fields. Partino-Oscoy attempted to run from the scene but was apprehended minutes later by a Border Patrol agent. No others were seriously injured during the accident.

U.S. Attorney Lam praised the efforts of the Border Patrol and the California Highway Patrol for their investigation in this matter.

DEFENDANT

Jesus Partino-Oscoy

SUMMARY OF CHARGE

Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) and (v)(ii) (Transportation of Illegal Aliens)

Maximum Penalty: Maximum of 5 years prison
 \$250,000 fine
 Three years of supervised release

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

U.S. Border Patrol
California Highway Patrol